

## CITY'S TAX RATE GOES UP TO 2.15; 17 POINT RAISE

Mayor Admits the Figure After Looking Over the Demands in Sight.

### HUNT TAX DODGERS.

Proportionate Tax on Bachelors and Married Men Called Nebulous.

The new average tax rate for Greater New York will be 2.15, which is 17 points higher than the present tax rate, 1.98. Mayor Mitchell admitted to-day that there would be an increase of over 16 points on the new direct State tax of \$12,000,000 alone. To this increase will be added the uncollectable taxes, the general fund depletion, the educational department, one of the city's most persistently increasing burdens, and the big debt service.

"The best way to figure the increase," explained the Mayor in discussing the tax question, "is to allow \$500,000 for every tax point. By dividing \$500,000 into \$12,000,000, the amount New York City must pay out of the \$19,000,000 direct State tax, you will have a raise of about 16 points. This alone—the State tax—will jack

the tax rate of Manhattan up to 2.14 and a fraction. It is therefore certain that when the other elements of increase, none of which has yet been gone into, are fully included in the budget, the tax rate for 1916 will be about 2.15. It would not cause any surprise, in fact, if it were a little higher. Mayor Mitchell declared to-day that the much talked of new \$4,500,000 personal tax valuation, which would compel every taxpayer to pay on \$1,000 worth of belongings and every married man on \$1,500 valuation, is a figure "entirely too nebulous for me to discuss."

"Some months ago it was announced by me," the Mayor said, "that the Tax Department would get after tax dodgers and compel them to pay their just share under the law. I said at that time that we would arrest for perjury those who tried to evade paying personal taxes and swore to false affidavits."

The present tax rates by boroughs are as follows: Manhattan, 1.87; Bronx, 1.94; Kings, 1.92; Queens, 1.95; Richmond, 2.24. The sixteen points rise in the tax rate admitted by Mayor Mitchell will be proportionately applied to each of the above figures. Then, added to this increase, will be the increase from sources of expenses not yet gone into.

### PROPERTY HOLDERS ANNOYED AT PROSPECT OF TAX VALUATION.

The announcement that the valuation of taxable personal property in this city might be raised to \$4,500,000 caused consternation to-day among taxpayers.

"The proposition is bewildering," said George H. Hays, President of the Society for the Protection of Property Rights. "Last year the amount of the assessment was only \$400,000,000, and that was fixed after assessing men and women long since dead or removed from New York. The assessors used the Brooklyn City Directory, and in Manhattan they used hotel registers. They levied a tax of \$4,022,118, but

they collected only \$4,000,000 up to the end of last June—two months after the tax was due. There were on the books of the Comptroller on June 30 over \$2,000,000 of unpaid personal taxes. There were also \$10,000,000 of unpaid special franchise taxes unpaid, as well as \$2,000,000 taxes on real estate of corporations. It is easy to see why the present increase in assessment of personalty is made. Only 10 per cent. of the present small assessment taxes can be collected by the present methods. The enormous increase in assessment will yield very little more revenue. But on the gross levy itself revenue would be increased in proportion to the increase in the collection of the taxes, need not be reckoned for five years, or until after this administration shall have made its appeal for re-election on the issue of a low tax rate.

"More than \$6,000,000 was put in the budget last year to redeem revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of uncollectible taxes. Imagine the deficit that will have to be made up in the budget five years from now! Every holder of City bonds, every banking institution and every citizen ought to make a most emphatic protest against this scheme."

## GIRL AND MAN DIE IN AUTO COLLISION; SEVEN MORE HURT

(Continued from First Page.)

restaurant on Staten Island early in the evening, having gone there in Nuss's car. The machine was left on Staten Island and the three men rode to Eighteenth Street on the subway to meet Rose Smith and Minnie Byrne, who say they are employed in a restaurant in Fourteenth Street.

After meeting the girls the party got into Greenfield's car, rode around Manhattan for a time, and then went to the Bronx. They were east-bound in Pelham Parkway, about 500 feet west of Eastchester Road, when the collision occurred.

Marshall and Miss Hunt have been friends for some time, the Coroner was told. Marshall was standing near the Winter Garden stage entrance when Miss Hunt and her friend and roommate, Miss Brown, came out of the theatre about midnight.

He asked the young women if they would like a ride. They agreed and a few blocks away they picked up, in Broadway, Marshall's friend Delmar. The Marshall car went up Fifth Avenue straight to the Pell Tree Inn in the northern section of the Bronx, where the four had supper.

"There were only two small glasses of beer taken by our party at supper," Miss Hunt told Coroner Healy. "Mr. Marshall drank only a mineral water."

The Marshall car was on the way back to Manhattan when the accident happened. The collision was midway

between two gas lamps and a gray fog lay over the parkway. Neither driver saw the other car until they were almost upon each other.

**TIRES BURST AND GASOLINE TANKS EXPLODE.** The sound of the cars coming together could be heard for blocks. Several tires "popped" and both gasoline tanks exploded. The Greenfield car recoiled for about twenty-five feet and the Marshall car was hurled thirty feet, broke a small tree and turned over.

Miss Brown and Delmar were crushed under the car, but Miss Hunt and Marshall were thrown clear and only bruised.

Mounted police and other motorists picked up the dead and injured and started to Fordham Hospital. Mrs. F. E. Brown, mother of the dead girl, reached the hospital before the party adjourned under guard to the Coroner's office. She remained at Miss Hunt's side.

Ida Brown was known as "Bobbie" Brown and had been with the Winter Garden Company a year. She was very popular in her company. She was a favorite of the Shuberts and had been given a new part in the show only yesterday.

Her mother said this morning: "They sent for me telling me that 'Bobbie' was only injured. It took them fifteen minutes to tell me the truth at last. We do not know who this Delmar is who was with Bobbie. The car that struck them was a racer and going sixty miles an hour."

Dorothy or "Dottie" Hunt made her home with the Browns. She was severely scratched.

Miss Brown's body will be taken to Caldwell, N. Y., for burial. The Browns come from that town.

Delmar was a bachelor and occupied apartments at No. 550 West One Hundred and Fifty-third Street. Up to two years ago he was a clerk in the Washington Heights Bank at One Hundred and Fifty-third Street and Amsterdam Avenue. At the bank it was said that Delmar had resigned his position upon the death of a relative who left him considerable money. He was considered by his friends a man of good habits and was well liked. His sister married a brother of Dr. Goldwater, Health Commissioner, and there are two brothers.

Owing to the nervous condition and injuries of all the witnesses, Coroner Healy found it impossible to hold a hearing to-day. He fixed the inquest for Sept. 24.

### CANNOT LOCATE BANKER.

Jarmulowsky Is on Vacation and His Mother Is Dead.

The family of Meyer Jarmulowsky, one of the owners of the M. and J. Jarmulowsky bank, closed in the east side panics last summer, are anxious to learn his whereabouts.

Mr. Jarmulowsky went away for a rest last Sunday and it was understood that he went to the Adirondacks. His mother, Mrs. Rebecca Jarmulowsky, died Sunday evening at Atlantic Avenue and Beach Seventy-fourth Street, and the funeral is to-morrow. The anxiety to reach him, it was said by a brother, was the cause of her death. Dr. Jarmulowsky's bank at No. 84 Canal Street, is to insure his presence at the funeral and not to any fear of a prolonged disappearance.

## PELL DRANK LITTLE AT DINNER BEFORE FATAL AUTO CRASH

Mrs. Laimbeer Swears Driver of Wrecked Car Was Perfectly Normal.

### DANCED IN THE HOTEL.

Widow of One Victim Appears as Witness in Chauffeur's Suit.

Mrs. William Laimbeer was a witness to-day before Justice Manning in the Supreme Court in Long Island City in the suit of Dominico Gambino of No. 11 Seventh Street, Manhattan, against the Long Island Railroad for \$40,000 for the death of his son Charles. The son was killed in the accident at Wreck Lead crossing, near Long Beach, Aug. 2, 1913, when William Laimbeer and S. Osgood Pell also lost their lives and Mrs. Laimbeer was seriously hurt.

After she had repeated the testimony which she gave at the trial of Mrs. Pell's suit last spring, which resulted in a \$25,000 verdict for the plaintiff, Mrs. Laimbeer said to Martin Littleton, attorney for the railroad, she wished to correct an impression created by her previous testimony.

"When I said," she explained, "that we passed several other cars leaving Long Beach I did not mean we overtook them, but that we passed cars coming in the opposite direction."

Mr. Littleton opened a line of inquiry which was not used at the previous trial by asking as to the mental condition of Mr. Pell, who was driving the car which was wrecked, with the chauffeur on the seat beside him.

Q. Were drinks served at the dinner at the Hotel Trouville? A. Yes; champagne and white wine.

Q. What did Mr. Pell drink? A. Champagne.

Q. Who drank the white wine? A. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt Jr.

Q. How many bottles of champagne were served? A. Mr. Pell ordered one bottle of champagne for the dinner and another was opened afterward. We used about one half of it.

Q. Are you sure, A. Yes. Mr. Pell remarked as we left the table that it was too late to have a bottle of champagne had been left behind.

Q. Did Mr. Pell visit among the other tables and dance with the ladies at other tables? A. Yes.

Q. When you left, did Mr. Pell show any evidence of having been drinking? A. No, he acted naturally, as he always did.

Mrs. Laimbeer explained that the Pell car was wrecked in the station was crowded, so Mr. Vanderbilt took Mrs. Pell into his car and followed.

## MOTHER RISKS LIFE SEEKING LOST CHILD

Believes He Is in Burning Store, But He Is Found Later in School.

A fire, followed by a series of explosions in the liquor store of Benjamin Cohen at No. 11 Avenue B, to-day filled the street with sheets of flame and frightened the eight families living in the tenement above into a panic. Mrs. Cohen, who was at a soda stand near by, had to be forcibly prevented by Policeman Mengel of the Union Market Station from entering the burning store. She said her five-and-a-half-year-old son Nathan was in the place.

When the firemen arrived there were wild stories of women and children peened in the upper floor of the building. Battalion Chief Carlock sent members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 11 into the building at the risk of their lives. They found everybody had escaped.

A careful search of the store showed no trace of little Nathan, but the frantic mother, between fainting spells, refused to believe he was wandering around in the crowd. The Union Market police started systematic search for the child and found that he had gone to school.

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## BURGLARS CHASED OVER ROOFS WHILE PISTOL SHOTS FLY

Brooklyn Policemen Are Mistaken for Fugitives and Are in Peril of Bullets.

The residents about Seventh Avenue and Windsor Place, Brooklyn,

were aroused shortly after midnight to-day by one of the liveliest burglar hunts the section ever knew. The burglars escaped without any plunder, but shots were fired, policemen were mistaken for marauders by the citizens and vice versa, and one policeman was hurt in climbing a barred wire fence.

Leont McGovern was doing desk duty at the Fifth Avenue Station when his wife called up from their home, No. 3 Windsor Place, saying she could hear burglars on the roof. Four policemen were despatched from the station. In a few minutes Joseph Schmitt of No. 3 Windsor Place called up to ask for help. Schmitt frequently collects several hundred dollars a day in his business.

Schmitt heard a noise and found his bathroom door locked on the inside. While he was breaking it in,

the thieves got out and to the roof. Schmitt's son and a neighbor followed the trail in their bare feet across the roof. In the meantime about twenty policemen surrounded the block. Apparently there were three or four burglars. They got down from the roof on a rope or a rope ladder.

Young Schmitt and his neighbor friend were captured by the police and had to be taken back for identification, which delayed matters. Policeman Pat Murphy of the Fifth Avenue Station, is getting over a fence in Eighth Avenue, ripped off part of his uniform and tore his little finger so four stitches had to be taken in it by a Henny Hospital surgeon, after which he was sent home.

Half a dozen shots were fired by policemen and several times citizens were ready to shoot at the policemen, when a flashlight disclosed the uniforms. No one got even a glimpse of the burglars.

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